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## **The Calvin Ball Bulletin**

I am humbled by the opportunity to continue serving as your District Two Howard County Councilman. It is my hope to continue to ensure the viability of our county by collaboratively working with you as well as our entire community.

This monthly e-newsletter will serve as an informational tool to keep you posted on a number of the many current news and happenings in our community as well as throughout Howard County.

[http://www.co.ho.md.us/News/HCG\\_Portal\\_PublicMeetings.htm](http://www.co.ho.md.us/News/HCG_Portal_PublicMeetings.htm)

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### **Mayfield Woods Community Sees Benefits of Recent Traffic Improvements**

Traffic improvements within the Mayfield Woods Community have amounted to safer and slower streets. The Mayfield Woods Community celebrated their efforts the week, before Thanksgiving, as their goal was met with the installment of speed humps and improved signage. The collaborative effort between the Howard County government and the Mayfield Woods community has yielded the common goal of ensuring a safer, walkable community. In conjunction with the installation of traffic calming, Mayfield Woods Middle School and the Howard County Police Department are proud to announce the development of a pedestrian safety workshop to enhance the pedestrian skills of Mayfield Woods Middle School students.

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### **Participate in the Vision of Columbia Town Center!**

General Growth Properties in partnership with Howard Community College are sponsoring a speaker series on the future of downtown Columbia. Please join Robert W. Burchell, Ph.D., Professor at the Center for Urban Policy Research Rutgers University and our community on December 14 at 7:00 p.m. at Howard Community College's Smith Theatre. RSVP 877-311-2944 or [rsvp@generalgrowth.com](mailto:rsvp@generalgrowth.com). Seating is limited.

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### **Howard Transit is Asking for Your Input**

The Howard County Public Transportation Board is inviting the public to comment on Howard Transit's proposed service changes. The proposed changes to the Howard Transit service will include the elimination of redundancy in route segments, shorter

waiting times, new service destinations, and early morning and later service hours. These proposed changes are in response to requests received from Howard Transit passengers and cost effective efforts made by the Howard County Public Transportation Board.

Written testimony and suggestions may be submitted by mail to The Public Transportation Board, c/o Corridor Transportation Corporation, 312 Marshall Avenue, Suite 104, Laurel, MD 20207 or by email to [support@baltwashchamber.org](mailto:support@baltwashchamber.org) by December 5, 2006.

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## **Howard County Pedestrian Master Plan Is Now Available For Viewing**

Howard County's Department of Planning and Zoning has now posted its Pedestrian Master Plan on the Howard County webpage at [www.co.ho.md.us/planning](http://www.co.ho.md.us/planning). Printed copies of the plan will be available later this month.

With the help of Howard County residents and state and local agencies, Howard County's Department of Planning and Zoning developed this identified 160 locations countywide where pedestrian improvements are needed. Projects to come will be prioritized on the basis of safety, demand, engineering feasibility, cost, and other factors.

If you wish to comment on the Plan or other pedestrian issues, please contact Brian Muldoon, Howard County Department of Planning and Zoning at 410-313-4363 or at [bmuldoon@co.ho.md.us](mailto:bmuldoon@co.ho.md.us).

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## **The BRAC Strategy: The Howard County BRAC Team Needs Your Help!**

The Howard County Base Realignment and Closure Task Force is looking for the input of its county citizens in the planning cycle of the BRAC process. At this point an estimated 5,300 BRAC related positions will be added to the current Ft. Meade workforce. As the BRAC Task Force begins to design a model for the impacts of BRAC on Howard County, your help is needed as a "key player" on addressing the needs assessments of housing and infrastructure during the BRAC development process.

The next Howard County BRAC Update Meeting will be held on January 24th from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the George Howard Building at 3430 Courthouse Drive, Ellicott City, Maryland.

For the latest information on BRAC Howard County actions click here [http://www.co.ho.md.us/PortalDocs/TFMemorandum\\_7R.pdf](http://www.co.ho.md.us/PortalDocs/TFMemorandum_7R.pdf) to view the last constituency memorandum.

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## **The National Security Agency's Gifted and Talented Program Applicants Needed**

The National Security Agency offers a High School Gifted and Talented Program which allows High School Juniors and Seniors enhance their math and science skill sets with valuable work experience.

To apply, please go to [www.nsa.gov](http://www.nsa.gov)

Click on: Apply Online

Go to: View Job Posting

Click on: Apply for Job

You are only allowed 30-45 minutes after clicking on Apply for Job (this is required for the High School GT program as well) to fill out the online application and this includes attaching your resume. You should have your resume ready in a Word document to cut and paste it into the application.

Once you have read and filled out all the necessary information, Please call 1-866-672-4473 to verify that they received your application.

The NSA will then give you an address to send your letters of recommendation, transcripts and any other documentation that is required for this process.

If you need to call after 5:00 p.m., please use the email address instead to get a response from NSA to your questions after hours.

If you have any further questions, please call NSA directly.

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## **Reach Out to Howard County Youth....Become an Academic Mentor!**

Academic Mentor Positions are now available at Jeffers Hill and Stevens Forest Elementary School. The Black Student Achievement Program Elementary Academic Mentor is employed through the BSAP and assigned to one or more specific schools. The Academic Mentor works with a formal caseload of 12-15 students who need extra guidance in successfully working in the school environment. The person in this position is supervised by a school-based administrator and receives ongoing training, technical assistance and supervision from the BSAP Elementary Specialist in Department of Student, Family and Community Services.

### **Essential Job Duties:**

- To provide academic assistance to students one-on-one or small groups
- To assist students with organization study skills
- Monitor interim progress reports and report card grades
- Collects, maintains and analyzes required data on caseload students

### **Examples of Duties:**

- Mentors a caseload of 12-15 students on essential skills identified by the classroom teacher and administrator
- Assists caseload students with organization and study skills
- Links caseload students with school, community and tutoring resources
- Communicates regularly with teachers and other staff to assess progress and determine caseload students' needs
- Interacts with parents in support of caseload students' achievement
- Provides services to non-caseload students as time permits
- Assists in the formation and operation of the school's Black Student Achievement Parent Network (BSAPN)
- Participates in staff and in service trainings
- Performs other duties as assigned

**Qualifications:**

This position requires that the Academic Mentor demonstrate:

A respect and love for all children

A commitment to impact upon the academic achievement Black students, students of poverty, and all underachieving students regardless of race or ethnicity

The ability to coordinate and work effectively with staff, students, and parents

Ability to maintain confidentiality; to communicate clearly and concisely in both written and oral form

A high school diploma or GED; some college preferred.

**Term of Employment:**

Academic Mentors are hired on a yearly basis.

The term of service coincides with the academic school year.

**Applicant Requirements:**

Completed application through Temporary Services.

Interview with school based administrator and BSAP Specialist.

Please apply at the HCPSS Central Office on Route 108 in Temporary Service. Feel free to contact Mrs. Butler if you have questions call 410-313-6692.

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**Ellicott City Business Association Opening Ceremony**

The Ellicott City Business Association in partnership with Taylor Service Company announces the opening of the Historic District Parking Shuttle Service. This new service will expand the amount of parking with the Historic District. The additional 189 parking spaces incorporate the Howard County Circuit Court/Mt. Ida parking lot with a free shuttle service every Saturday and Sunday from November 18th thru January 7th 2007. The shuttle service will run from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Saturdays, 10:00AM to 6:00 p.m. on Sundays, and will also run adjusted route and schedule on December 1st (6:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.). Maps will be available on the shuttle, throughout the Historic District and from Howard County Tourism.

Please attend the short ceremony at 6:00 p.m. at the Thomas Isaac Log Cabin this Friday, to support Candlelight Night with all the Historic Sites open from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

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## **Applications Sought For Howard County Economic Development Authority Scholarship**

The Howard County Economic Development Authority's Committee for Business and Economic Diversity is accepting applications for the \$1,000 Earl H. Saunders Entrepreneurial Scholarship. The scholarship recognizes a graduating senior who is a member of a minority group, a woman, and/or disabled and who has demonstrated an entrepreneurial spirit by starting a small business, assisting an existing business or developing an invention targeted toward business.

Applications must be received by March 9th.

For more information, please call 410-313-6550.

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## **Sign Up For the "Greenovation": An Expo for the Home**

On Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> the Green Building Institute is sponsoring a class on "How to Be Green". What can you do this winter to make your home warmer while spending less on energy? This comprehensive introductory seminar will discuss: efficient and healthy buildings, solar hot water for your home, rainwater collection for garden use, and solar electric for your home. The seminar will be held at the Green Building Institute in The Enviro-Center at 7761 Waterloo Road (Rte. 175), Jessup, Maryland 20794. The program will begin at 8:30 a.m. with a tour of the Enviro-Center. The seminar modules will begin at 9:15 a.m. For more information and registration please visit [www.greenbuildinginstitute.org](http://www.greenbuildinginstitute.org) or you may call the institute at 443-733-1234.

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## **Howard Transit Wins Award for Best Fixed Route System in Maryland**

Howard County Executive Jim Robey announced today that Howard Transit, the county's bus system was named as the "2006 Best Fixed Route" bus system in the State of Maryland by the Transportation Association of Maryland (TAM). Presented during the annual TAM conference and tradeshow in Ocean City, Maryland, the award pays tribute to a locally-operated transit system that excels in bus operations and innovative programming.

Over the past decade, Howard Transit's ridership has more than tripled. With a fleet of 32 vehicles on seven routes, Howard Transit offers services throughout Howard County and into neighboring Anne Arundel and Prince George's Counties, in addition to the city of Laurel. Passengers can also transfer to MARC trains, as well as MTA, WMATA and Connect-A-Ride buses.

Like other communities across the country, Howard County is growing rapidly in both industry and the diversity of its population. To meet the growing transportation challenges that come with this growth, Howard Transit has to strike a balance between the needs of the customers and available resources.

This year Howard Transit added low-floor buses to its fleet to provide better access for individuals with mobility concerns. They also fine-tuned their bus routes to facilitate better connections to major destinations and improved access to bus stops by installing sidewalks, curb cuts, crosswalks, shelters and street lighting. Adjustments were made to two routes and a new stop was added in response to requests from two senior communities. In addition, the Division of Transportation Planning initiated cultural sensitivity training for all transit personnel.

For more information about Howard Transit service, call the Customer Service Line at 800-270-9553 or visit them on the web at [www.howardtransit.com](http://www.howardtransit.com).